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**Hokioi ranei Pouakai**

**Confident, Respectful, Curious Kids**

**18th February 2011 – Term 1 – Week 3 – Family Issue**

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**WAIKARI SCHOOL NEWS – PRINCIPAL**

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Tena koutou, nga mihi ki a koutou,

What a fantastic day we experienced on Wednesday with our full-school swimming sports! The weather came to the party and it was great to see so many family and friends of Waikari School attend. All of our students have really improved their water skills and developed confidence in water based activities. Well done everybody!

Those children who meet the existing criteria to attend the Hurunui Zone Swimming Sports on the 1st March will be notified early next week and will attend sessions at either Hawarden or Amberley pool to further up-skill prior to the zones.

A massive *gracias* to the Ruck family for giving up their weekend to clean-up our rubbish behind Room 1 and further enhance our school environment. Your efforts are truly appreciated by all.

At the end of 2010, we were unfortunate to experience some unwanted vandalism to our sandpit area. We have just had confirmation from the ministry to go ahead and rebuild/ revamp the area which will occur within the next month. When finished, it will provide a wonderful covered learning space for our students.

Next Friday we look forward to hosting the first of the Kowai Learning Network Enrichment activities. Our Kowai Learning Network is made up of the following schools: Waikari, Sefton, Leithfield, Amberley, Omihi, Greta Valley, Broomfield and Waipara. We will have 24 students from the 8 schools attending with a focus on *Robotics.* *FAST* will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch on this day. At the end of this term, Omihi will be hosting an Adventure Based Learning initiative which a small group of our students will attend.

**Swimming Pool:** Please note that there has been an amendment to the use of swimming pool rules. “No vehicles are allowed on the grass areas within the school grounds”.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend!

Andrew Kemp

Principal

**Next Community Newsletter**

***~ 11th February ~***

**Thank you:** Waikari School would like to give an enormous thank you to the Ruck family who came along to school last weekend and cleaned up a huge area behind Room 1. The area, including where the old vege garden was, is now completely cleared and looks amazing. Thank you, we appreciate your hard work.

**Sausage Sizzle Next Friday:** F.A.S.T will be holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 25th February for the Robotics Day lunch. Please get your order in to the school office by Monday (with money) Sausages - $1 each.

**Head – Lice:** We ask parents to keep checking regularly throughout the school year for head-lice & nits as these annoying little bugs seem to crop up when children head back to school. An information sheet (along with colouring competition) will be coming home today with some excellent tips on how to treat and prevent this problem. Two easy methods of control is reminding children not to share hats, brushes etc, and making sure that long hair is tied up at all times.

**Events Coming Up:**

Friday 25th February Robotics at Waikari School – Kowai Learning Network (sausage sizzle)

Tuesday 1st March Hurunui Zone Swimming Sports (postponement – Thursday 3rd March)

Friday 4th March Community Assembly – 2.30pm (Family and Friends are welcome).

**Meetings:**

**Garden Club:**

**Monday 7th March:** **Visit to Ohoka Area.**

Travel by car. Meet at the Star & Garter 8.45am and travel to Amberley to meet with Amberley members at 9am. More details later.

**Church Notices**

**Anglican:**

Sunday 20th February St James – Hawarden – 9.00am

Glenmark Domain pavilion – 10.00am

**Catholic:**

Sunday 6th February Hawarden – 6.00pm

**General:**

To Give Away: Old Handy Dog to give away to good home – Phone Matt: 03 3142 379

rugby player 2.bmp Lunch Lady: Remaining dates for this term are as follows: Thursdays: February 24th, March 10th & 24th & April 7th.

UNITED RFC: If anyone missed REGISTRATION last week, and wants to play rugby this year, please contact Bridget 3144 665 / 0276 592364

**GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS:** yes it’s that time of year again! Please support our major fundraiser for the year. On sale from 1st March. Plain $3 pkt, Choc & Minis $3.50. Orders taken now. Please phone Lucy Bennett 3144349, Danielle Copper 3144990, Laura Clyma 3144028, Rachel Buckland 3142015 or Grace Spencer 3144552.

Hawarden A & P Show – 105th Annual Show – Saturday March 19th 2011

* tractor.jpgCome along to a wonderful show which has something for everyone!
* Horses, sheep cattle, donkeys, poultry, and dogs.
* Home produce, handcrafts, photos, fruit & vegetables.
* Dog Trials
* Machinery – New & Vintage and many trade displays.
* Hounds and horses from the 100year old Brackenfield Hunt

**Waikari School would like to inform the community that although the school buildings and grounds could at any time be commandeered by Civil Defence in the event of an emergency – we are in fact NOT a Civil Defence Sector Post. The Civil Defence Post for this area is Hurunui College.**

* OUR FARE – Full of excellent local goods including wine for you to try and buy
* Richard Till cooking Demonstration in OUR FARE
* Mens pavlova and President’s Choice (which is an open section-cook your favourite dish)

Judged by Richard Till

* McAlpine Pipe Band, Dancing Girls, Clowns, Side Shows and Lolly Scrambles.
* Community BBQ held between 5 – 7.30pm in OUR FARE
* SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Photography Section – Hawarden Show – 19th March

Closing date for your ENTRIES is Monday 28th February. Please get your Entry form and photos to myself or lucy Hunter-Western. Our contacts; Trudy – 3144-144 or Lucy – 3142-2082

**WAIKARI HALL & RESERVE**

**TRIENNIAL AGM**

**THURSDAY 17th March 2011 ~ 7.30PM ~ WAIKARI HALL**

ALL PRESENT MEMBERS TO ATTEND LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN

JOIN UP AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE

HALL & RESERVES OF WAIKARI

ALL APOLOGIES TO MICHELLE FLETCHER

03 3144 518

**STARSHIP MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING**

The Hawarden-Waikari Lions are collecting old, unwanted mobile phones on behalf of the Starship Childrens hospital who have them refurbished and on-sold with a percentage of the proceeds used to provide care for the kids at Starship. Collection boxes are located at the Hawarden four Square and Waikari Auto services.

**Please drag out those old phones and support this good cause.**





**Waikari**

**School**

**Swimming Sports**

What amazing swimmers we have!

“Hello, I need a haircut or I will go bananas at you!”

*Charlee*

Stop monkeying about!

*Finn*